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# News Release

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## **Further areas opened in the Canyon Creek Complex**

**JOHN DAY, OR**—Closures associated with the Canyon Creek Complex continue to be reduced as fire containment lines expand and suppression activities become more focused.

Effective Saturday, September 26 at 6 a.m., the boundary of the current closure area will be reduced.

A large portion of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness remains closed to public entry, in addition to some adjacent non-wilderness areas where fire-fighters and large equipment continue work to mop-up hot spots, tie in fire lines, remove hazards, and strengthen contingency lines. As progress continues to be made, it is anticipated additional areas will be opened.

Starting Saturday, the following campgrounds and trails will be open:

- Fall Mountain Lookout
- Wickiup Campground
- Slide Creek Campground
- Slide Horse Campground
- Strawberry Campground
- Strawberry Trail #375 to the junction with Trail #5004 to Strawberry Falls
- Trail #5004 from Strawberry Falls is open to the junction with Trail #5003 to Little Strawberry Lake
- Slide Creek Trail #386
- Big Creek Snowshoe Trail #377 is open to the junction with Meadow Fork Trail #376
- Meadow Fork Trail #376 is open from the junction with Big Creek Snowshoe Trail #377 south to the junction with trail #379
- Trail # 5007 to Slide Lake is open
- Trail #372 from its junction with Strawberry Lake Trail #375 to Trail #5001 to Slide Lake
- Skyline Trail #385

The forest also wants to remind visitors that it is their responsibility to know which areas are open for their use and which areas remain closed both related to the current fires and previous closure orders.

**Current Forest Orders and maps are available at:**

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/malheur/home/?cid=stelprd3845529>.

**Closure description effective Saturday, September 26, 2015:**

- The interior of an area bordered by and beginning at the intersection of FR 3920-743 junction with the Forest Boundary in the North West corner of section 4, T15S, R31E
- South along the FR 3920-743 to the intersection with FR 3920
- West along FR 3920 to the intersection with FR 4920
- East along FR 4920 to the intersection with State Highway 395



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- South on State Highway 395 to the intersection with FR 3925-196
- East along FR 3925-196 to the intersection with FR 3925
- East along 3925 to the intersection with FR 15 (Not to include the developed footprint of Wickiup Campground)
- Southeast along FR 15 to the intersection with FR 16
- East along FR 16 to the intersection FR 1640
- North along FR 1640 to the intersection with FR 1648
- East along FR 1648 to the intersection with FR 1648-021
- North along FR 1648-021 to FR 1648-039 and the Meadow Fork Trail Head (Forest Trail #376)
- Forest Trail #376 to the intersection with Forest Trail #379
- North along Forest Trail #379 to the ridge between Little Strawberry Lake and High Lake in T15S, R22.5E Sec. 7
- West along the ridge between Little Strawberry Lake and High Lake to Forest Trail #201
- North along Forest Trail #201 to the intersection with Forest Trail #368
- North along Forest Trail #368 to the intersection with the West line of Section 30, T14S, R34E
- North along the West line of Section 30 and the West line of Section 19, T14S, R34E to the forest boundary
- West along forest boundary to the intersection with FR 3920-743 in the NW corner of section 4, T15S, R31E

*This area description does not include, nor close, areas of private property within the proclamation boundary of the MNF which may be made at the discretion of the Grant County Sheriff.*

### **Road descriptions effective Saturday, September 26, 2015:**

- FR 5401
- All road sections within the boundaries of the Area Closure

*This closure does not include roads making up the exterior boundaries of the Area Closure nor FR 1500 within the area closure.*

For information about the Canyon Creek Complex, please refer to the following resources:

- Fire Information: (541) 820-3643 or (541) 820-3633
- Email Address: [canyoncreekcomplex@gmail.com](mailto:canyoncreekcomplex@gmail.com)
- Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4495/>
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/canyoncreekfireoregon](http://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekfireoregon)

For more information on the Malheur National Forest, please call 541-575-3000, or visit us on the web at [www.fs.usda.gov/malheur](http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur).

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